

STORM WATER PERMITTING

The City of Picayune is requiring owners/developers to submit the following information **before** any clearing, grading, or excavating on any construction project over **one acre** is started. This program is designed to further reduce non-point source pollution, which is the leading cause of water quality problems in the United States today. **The City is under a mandate from The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to regulate and enforce the Small and Large Construction Storm Water General Permits** under the Phase I Storm Water program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted March 10, 2003. These permits will be approved by **MDEQ**.

Definitions:

MDEQ – Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. MDEQ Web site - <http://www.deqstate.ms.us> All requirements of the small construction can be found on the web-site.

Small Construction Projects – Sites one acre to five acres. Projects that disturb less than one acre are exempt from permitting.

Large Construction Projects – Sites five acres or greater.

SWPPP – Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. To be prepared by a professional engineer in the State of Mississippi. The developer will be responsible for implementing upon approval by the MDEQ.

SCNOI – Small Construction Notice of Intent. (one acre to five acres) Construction activities that **disturb one acre to less than five acres** require coverage under the Small Construction General Permit. The owner/developer will acquire a Small Construction General Permit from the MDEQ and submit a copy of the approved permit to the City of Picayune before Final Plats are approved or any permits can be issued. The developer will be responsible for weekly site inspections or rainfall events of a half-inch or more to make sure the sediment and erosion controls are still working. The owner/developer shall record this information and keep with the SCNOI. The City Inspector and Public Works Director will review the inspection reports during the project.

CNOI – Construction Notice of Intent. (Five acres or greater) Construction activities that **disturb five acres and greater** require coverage under the Large Construction General Permit. The owner/developer will acquire a Large Construction General Permit from MDEQ and submit a copy of the approved permit to the City of Picayune before Final Plats are approved or any permits can be issued. The developer will be responsible for weekly site inspections or rainfall events of a half-inch or more to make sure the sediment and erosion controls are still working. The owner/developer shall record this information and keep with the CNOI. The City Inspector and Public Works Director on a weekly basis will review the inspection reports during the project.

NOTE: An owner/operator may discharge storm water associated with construction activity once the requirements of the storm water permit have been met. The owner or contractor must complete the application form, as well as develop and implement the **SWPPP** before beginning construction activities. MDEQ may visit the site and ask for this documentation. If the documents cannot be produced or if the controls are not adequate, thence the owner or contractor or both are subject to enforcement action, which may include penalties. The City Engineer and Building Inspector will give owner/contractor/developer a STOP WORK ORDER if these requirements are not implemented.

1. SWPPP must be approved by MDEQ.
2. SCNOI or CNOI must be approved by MDEQ.